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SUBJ: RESEARCH CRUISE OF USNS HAYES

REF: (A) STATE 073790

1. CLEARANCE FOR SUBJECT RESEARCH OBTAINED FROM GCOB FOR PERIOD APRIL 5 - MAY 7 ALONG WITH PERMISSION FOR "U.S. NAVY TO REST ACOUSTICAL DEVICES ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE BAHAMAS IN THE AREA UNDER REFERENCE." PERMISSION GRANTED "ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT AN ASSURANCE THAT ALL DEVICES PLACED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE BAHAMAS WILL BE REMOVED WHEN THE EXPERIMENT IS COMPLETED AND WILL INFORM THE BAHAMAS GOVT WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE."

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT OUR REQUEST DEALT ONLY WITH PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF HAYES INSIDE GCOB TERRITORIAL WATERS, WE ASSUME GCOB REFERENCE TO REMOVAL FROM CONTINENTAL SHELF DOES NOT POSE PROBLEM CITED PARA 2 REFTEL WHICH PRESUMABLY WAS CONCERNED WITH SHELF ISSUE ONLY IF GCOB WAS ATTEMPTING TO RAISE IT IN RELATION TO SHELF AREA OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL LIMIT. AS A RESULT WE ASSUME ABOVE QUOTED PERMISSION MEETS OUR NEED. IF SO, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO RESPOND AFTER COMPLETION OF HAYES ACTIVITIES THAT ACOUSTIC ARRAYS WHICH HAD BEEN LOWERED

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